

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4 are amended and claims 5 and 6 are cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Jiang in the October 13, 2011 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,122,580 to Autermann ("Autermann") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0263316 to Dix et al. ("Dix"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Autermann and Dix, alone or in any permissible combination, fail to disclose and would not have rendered obvious the features recited in independent claims 1 and 4. For example, Autermann and Dix fail to disclose and would not have rendered obvious an antitheft apparatus for a vehicle, wherein the communication station is located outside of the vehicle, and wherein when a new reference ID code is added to or a registered reference ID code is deleted from the vehicle via said setting unit, said transmitting unit transmits information relating to the added new reference ID code or the deleted registered reference ID code to said predetermined communications by radio communication, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 4.

The Office Action appears to assert that the central processor ZP of Autermann corresponds to the claimed communication station. Autermann discloses that the local processor LP and the central processor ZP can store user's identifier ID and that the user's identifier ID can be sent to the central processor ZP from the local processor LP (see col. 4,

lines 43-54 and Fig. 1 of Autermann). However, Autermann does not disclose that the central processor ZP is located outside the vehicle.

Furthermore, it would not be obvious for the central processor ZP to be located outside of the vehicle, because Autermann is silent about the location of the central processor ZP. In addition, in contrast to the features recited in the claims, Autermann discloses an apparatus and method for adjusting mirrors, seat positions, steering columns, and other driver-specific devices and does not disclose an antitheft apparatus (see col. 1, lines 5-7, col. 3, lines 8-25, and col. 4, lines 55-68 of Autermann). Autermann discloses that the personal setting-parameter settings are stored in a central processor ZP and automatically reactivated when the next user uses a vehicle or machine. Therefore, because the personal setting-parameters set by the system of Autermann are for the operation of the vehicle by a specific driver, the central processor ZP of Autermann must be located inside of the vehicle.

Therefore, Autermann fails to disclose the above-recited features of independent claims 1 and 4.

Dix fails to overcome the deficiencies of Autermann and is merely relied on for allegedly disclosing a setting unit for adding or deleting the reference ID code to or from the vehicle, and transmitting information relating to the added new reference ID code to the predetermined communication station. Furthermore, Dix discloses an electronic controller that is located in the vehicle (see Abstract and Fig. 1 of Dix).

Thus, Autermann and Dix, alone or in any permissible combination, fail to disclose and would not have rendered obvious the features recited in independent claims 1 and 4.

Claim 3 depends from claim 1. Therefore, claim 3 is also patentable over the references at least for its dependence from claim 1 as well as for the additional features claim 3 recites.

Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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